

U.S.-Brazil Commercial Dialogue

Digital Video Conference Series on Standards, Conformity Assessment and Technical Regulations

Background

ITA/NIST and INMETRO have agreed to establish a Digital Video Conference (DVC) series to promote a better understanding of the standards, conformity assessment and technical regulation systems in place in each country, in collaboration with other government agencies, ABNT (Brazil) and ANSI (U.S.), and other private sector organizations. This program will provide an open and transparent forum to exchange information that will facilitate mutual understanding and enhanced cooperation that may lead to increased trade between the two countries.

The initial dialogue of the series will focus on a discussion of the standards and regulatory structures of both countries; subsequent dialogues will cover sector specific topics, in response to the needs and demands of the private sector.

Schedule

Date: Tuesday, August 22, 2006

Time: 2 p.m.-3:30 p.m. EDT

Location: U.S. Trade Information Center, Training Room B

Topic: Technical Regulations

Thirty-minute presentations from each country will include discussion of the organization of the regulatory process, main regulatory authorities, regulated sectors, regulatory practices, existence of mechanisms for assessment of the social and economical impacts relating to regulations and relationships to regional regulatory authorities (Brazil only). Presentations will be followed with a thirty-minute question and answer.

Date: Wednesday, October 18, 2006

Time: 2 p.m.- 3:30 p.m. EDT

Location: U.S. Trade Information Center, Training Room B

Topic: Standardization

Thirty-minute presentations from each country will include discussion of the each country's organization of standards activity, main practices on standardization, relevant standardization in trade issues for each country.

Date: Wednesday, December 5, 2006

Time: TBD

Location: U.S. Trade Information Center, Training Room B

Topic: Conformity Assessment

Thirty-minute presentations from each country will include discussion of the each country's organization of conformity assessment activity and practices.

note: according to this program, the DVC should last 1h10min